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other similar documents with its report as to raisins received or acquired from its members.

(i) *Exemption from filing report.* A handler may be relieved by the Committee of submitting any of the reports required pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section which he shall specify in a written application therefor to the Committee stating that no transactions subject to such reports are contemplated for the balance of the crop year: *Provided*, That any such exemption shall remain in effect only so long as said handler has no such transactions subject to such reports.

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§ 989.176 Records.

Each handler shall maintain complete, accurate, and current records of all of his business affairs concerning which he is required to submit reports with the Committee, and shall maintain such records for at least two years after the termination of the crop year in which the transactions occurred.

Subpart—Supplementary Regulations

§ 989.210 Handling of varietal types of raisins acquired pursuant to a weight dockage system.

(a) *General.* A handler may acquire as standard raisins lots of Natural (sun-dried) Seedless, Golden Seedless, Dipped Seedless, Oleate and Related Seedless, Monukka, Other Seedless, Sultana, Zante Currant and Muscat (including other raisins with seeds) raisins under the weight dockage provisions described in §§ 989.212 and 989.213. The creditable weight of each lot of raisins acquired in this manner shall be that obtained by multiplying the net weight of the raisins in the lot by the applicable factor(s) from the appropriate dockage table(s) included in those sections.

(b) *Free and reserve tonnage percentages.* Whenever free and reserve per-

centages are designated for raisins of the varietal types specified in paragraph (a) of this section for a crop year, such percentages shall be applicable to the creditable weight of any lot of such raisins acquired by a handler pursuant to a weight dockage system.

(c) *Reserve tonnage.* A handler may hold as reserve tonnage raisins, any lot, or portion thereof, of raisins of the varietal types specified in paragraph (a) of this section acquired pursuant to a weight dockage system: *Provided*, That only the creditable weight of such lot, or portion thereof, may be applied by the Committee against the handler's reserve tonnage obligation.

(d) *Assessments.* Assessments on any lot of raisins of the varietal types specified in paragraph (a) of this section acquired by a handler pursuant to a weight dockage system shall be applicable to the free tonnage portion of the creditable weight of such lot.

(e) *Payments for services on reserve tonnage.* Payment to a handler for services performed by such handler with respect to reserve tonnage raisins of the varietal types specified in paragraph (a) of this section acquired by a handler pursuant to a weight dockage system shall be made on the basis of the creditable weight of such lot and at the applicable rate specified for such services in § 989.401 of *Subpart—Schedule of Payments*.

(f) *Identification.* Any lot of raisins of the varietal types specified in paragraph (a) of this section acquired pursuant to a weight dockage system shall be so identified by the inspection service affixing to one container on each pallet, or to each bin, in such lot, a prenumbered RAC control card (to be furnished by the Committee) which shall remain affixed to the container or bin until the raisins are processed or disposed of as natural condition raisins. The control card shall only be removed by, or under the supervision of, an inspector of, the inspection service, or authorized Committee personnel.

(g) *Application of dockage factors.* A lot of raisins acquired which may be subject to both a substandard and maturity dockage factor shall have only the highest of the two dockage factors

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applied to determine the creditable weight.

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§ 989.212 Substandard dockage.

(a) *General.* Subject to prior agreement between handler and tenderer, Natural (sun-dried) Seedless, Golden Seedless, Dipped Seedless, Oleate and Related Seedless, Monukka, and Other Seedless raisins containing from 5.1 through 17.0 percent, by weight, of substandard raisins may be acquired by a handler under a weight dockage system: Provided, That, for the 1998-99 crop year, such raisins containing from 5.1 through 25.0 percent, by weight, of substandard raisins may be acquired by a handler under a weight dockage system. A handler may also, subject to prior agreement, acquire as standard raisins any lot of Muscat (including other raisins with seeds), Sultana, and Zante Currant raisins containing from 12.1 through 20.0 percent, by weight, of substandard raisins under a weight dockage system: Provided, That, for the 1998-99 crop year, a handler may acquire such raisins containing from 12.1 through 35.0 percent, by weight, of substandard raisins under a weight dockage system. The creditable weight of each lot of raisins acquired under the substandard dockage system shall be obtained by multiplying the net weight of the lot of raisins by the applicable dockage factor from the appropriate dockage table prescribed in paragraph (b) or (c) of this section.

(b) *Substandard dockage table applicable to Natural (sun-dried) Seedless, Golden Seedless, Dipped Seedless, Oleate and Related Seedless, Monukka, and Other Seedless raisins.*

Percent substandard	Dockage factor
5.0 or less	(¹)
5.1 .....	.999
5.2 .....	.998
5.3 .....	.997
5.4 .....	.996
5.5 .....	.995

¹No dockage.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (B): Percentages in excess of the last percentage shown in the table shall be expressed in the same increments as the foregoing, and the dockage factor for each such increment shall be .001 less than the dockage factor for the preceding in-

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crement. Deliveries in excess of 17.0 percent would be off-grade; therefore, the dockage factor does not apply: Provided, That, for the 1998-99 crop year, deliveries in excess of 25.0 percent would be off-grade; therefore, the dockage factor does not apply.

(c) *Substandard dockage table applicable to Muscat (including other raisins with seeds), Sultana and Zante Currant raisins.*

Percent substandard	Dockage factor
12.0 or less	(¹)
12.1 .....	.999
12.2 .....	.998
12.3 .....	.997
12.4 .....	.996
12.5 .....	.995

¹No dockage.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (C): Percentages in excess of the last percentage shown in the table shall be expressed in the same increments as the foregoing, and the dockage factor for each such increment shall be .001 less than the dockage factor for the preceding increment. Deliveries in excess of 20.0 percent would be off-grade; therefore, the dockage factor does not apply: Provided, That, for the 1998-99 crop year, deliveries in excess of 35.0 percent would be off-grade; therefore, the dockage factor does not apply.

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§ 989.213 Maturity dockage.

(a) *General.* Subject to prior agreement between handler and tenderer, Natural (sun-dried) Seedless, Golden Seedless, Dipped Seedless, Oleate and Related Seedless, Monukka, and Other Seedless raisins containing from 35.0 percent through 49.9 percent, by weight, of well-matured or reasonably well-matured raisins may be acquired by a handler under a weight dockage system: Provided, That, for the 1998-99 crop year, such raisins containing from 30.0 through 49.9 percent, by weight, of well-matured or reasonably well-matured raisins may be acquired by a handler under a weight dockage system. The creditable weight of each lot of raisins acquired under the maturity dockage system shall be obtained by multiplying the net weight of the lot of raisins by the applicable dockage factor from the dockage table prescribed in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section.